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## **Provision of Safe Drinking Water in Hoosick Falls, NY**

### **Interim Measures**

#### ***Bottled Water:***

- Immediately - continue current program of providing bottled water to residents, supplemented in the following ways:
  - Establish a procedure for delivery of bottled water directly to elderly or disabled residents and those with transportation issues. The deliveries should be arranged for by Saint-Gobain with a water delivery company and should not depend on volunteers in the community. The procedure should include:
    - Telephone hotline and/or email address for residents to use to request home delivery;
    - System for regular delivery starting the day following the request and approval; and
    - Maintenance of a log recording all requests for delivery and the actions taken. The log should include address and contact information.
  - Also establish a procedure for residents with a need for an additional volume of bottled water (beyond 5 gallons per day for the household) to request the appropriate volume needed by their household.<sup>1</sup> The procedure should include:
    - Telephone hotline and/or email address for residents to use to request the additional volume of water;
    - System for supplying a voucher that the requestor can present at water distribution outlet starting the day following the request and approval; and
    - Maintenance of a log recording all requests for additional volume and the actions taken. The log should include address and contact information.
- Within 21 days – submit an evaluation of the effectiveness of the program to provide bottled water, including the enhancements for home delivery and expanded volume. The evaluation should also include an evaluation of the feasibility of providing additional options for water delivery, including installation of tanks (to be filled by approved water haulers) to dispense water from other areas of the village.
- Ensure that all of the plastic water bottles used in the bottled water program are recycled.

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<sup>1</sup> Until a treatment system is in place at the public water supply and confirmed to be consistently removing PFOA below the level set by EPA's health advisory, EPA is recommending the use of bottled water not only for drinking but also for cooking, teeth-brushing, and for use with a humidifier, if any.